**AMERICAN STUDIES**

**FIRST SEMESTER STUDY GUIDE**

**Colonial Period/Revolutionary War**

* Roanoke
* Jamestown
  + John Smith
  + Bacon’s Rebellion
* The Colonies
  + New England
    - Puritans
      * Religious beliefs
      * Society
  + Middle Colonies
  + Southern Colonies
* Issues with Native Americans
  + Pequot War
* African Americans in the Colonies
  + Middle Passage/Slavery
* British policy in trading with Colonies
  + Triangular Trade
  + Mercantilism
  + Salutary Neglect
* French and Indian War
  + Treaty of Paris 1763
* Proclamation of 1763
* English Acts/Taxes
  + Stamp
  + Quartering
  + Sugar
  + Intolerable Acts
* Important writings of the time
  + Common Sense
  + Declaration of Independence
* Boston Massacre
* Boston Tea Party
* Participants of the Revolutionary War
* Major Battles of the Revolutionary War
  + Lexington/Concord
  + Bunker Hill
  + Yorktown
* Treaty of Paris 1783

**Constitution**

* Articles of Confederation
  + Constitutional Convention
* Articles I-III

**Federalist Era (Washington to Monroe)**

* George Washington
  + Alexander Hamilton-Economic Issues
    - State v. Federal Debt
    - Whiskey Rebellion (Tariff)
  + Treaty of Greenville
  + John Jay Treaty
  + Political Parties Develop
    - Federalist v. Anti-Federalists
    - Alexander Hamilton’s vs. Thomas Jefferson
    - Ideas and Accomplishments of both
    - Political Parties Developed
* John Adams
  + Alien Sedition Acts
  + Virginia and Kentucky Resolution
  + XYZ Affair
* Thomas Jefferson
  + Transfer of Power
  + Jeffersonian Republicans
  + Marbury v. Madison
  + Judicial Review
  + Louisiana Purchase
  + Embargo Act of 1807
* James Madison
  + Native American Problems
    - Assimilation
    - Battle of Tippecanoe
    - Tecumseh
  + War of 1812
    - Reasons for the War of 1812
    - Results of the War of 1812
    - New Orleans
* James Monroe
  + Missouri Compromise
  + Monroe Doctrine

**Age of Jackson**

* Know cases for Judicial Review and Supremacy Clause
* Election and Campaign of 1824 and 1828
* Jackson’s presidency
  + The Bank War
  + Use of Veto
  + Spoils System
  + Tariff of Abominations 1828
  + Native Americans
    - Indian Removal Act
    - Trail of Tears
    - Assimilation/Cherokee

**Pre-Civil War/Sectionalism**

* Texas Independence
  + Causes
  + Results
* “Manifest Destiny”
  + Santa Fe Trail
  + Oregon Trail
  + California Gold Rush
* Results of the Mexican-American War
  + Causes
  + Results
* Compromise of 185-
  + Henry Clay’s Plan
* Kansas-Nebraska Act
  + Popular sovereignty
* Views on Slavery
  + Uncle Tom’s Cabin
  + Debates of Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln (Senate and Presidential)
  + John Brown, Harpers Ferry
  + Dred Scott Decision

**Civil War**

* Reason for secession and length of war
* Advantages of the North and South
* Strategies of the North and South
* Generals (Union and Confederacy)
* Battles
  + Fort Sumter
  + Bull Run
  + Battle of Gettysburg and Gettysburg Address
  + Vicksburg
  + Sherman’s March
* Emancipation Proclamation
  + 13th Amendment
* Andersonville
* Confederate surrender
* Lincoln’s assassination

**Reconstruction**

* Election of 1864
* Reconstruction Plans
  + Lincoln’s Plan
  + Johnson’s Plan
  + Radical Republicans Plan
  + Failures and Successes
* 14th and 15th Amendment
* Freedmen’s Bureau
* Sharecropping
* KKK methods
* Black Codes
* Presidential Elections and administrations
  + Ulysses S. Grant
  + Rutherford B. Hayes
* Scalawags and Carpetbaggers
* End of Reconstruction 1877 (Compromise of 1877)

**Wild West**

* Homestead Act 1862
* Lifestyle in West
* Transcontinental Railroad
* Native Americans affected by Western Expansion
  + Little Big Horn
  + Wounded Knee
* Cattle Boom/Cattle Towns
* Immigrants out west

**Gilded Age**

* Plessy v. Ferguson
* Interstate Commerce Act
* Captains of Industry
* Robber Barons
  + Carnegie
  + Rockefeller
* Big Business
  + Sherman Anti-Trust Act
  + Social Darwinism
  + Trusts
* Labor Movement
  + Child Labor Laws
  + Knights of Labor
    - Haymarket Riot
  + AFL
  + Strikes
    - Homestead
    - Pullman
* Immigration and Daily Life
  + Tenements
  + Melting Pot Theory
  + Nativists
* Republican and Democratic Party positions
  + Political Machines
  + Pendleton Civil Service Act
* Populism
  + Populist Reform
  + William Jennings Bryan